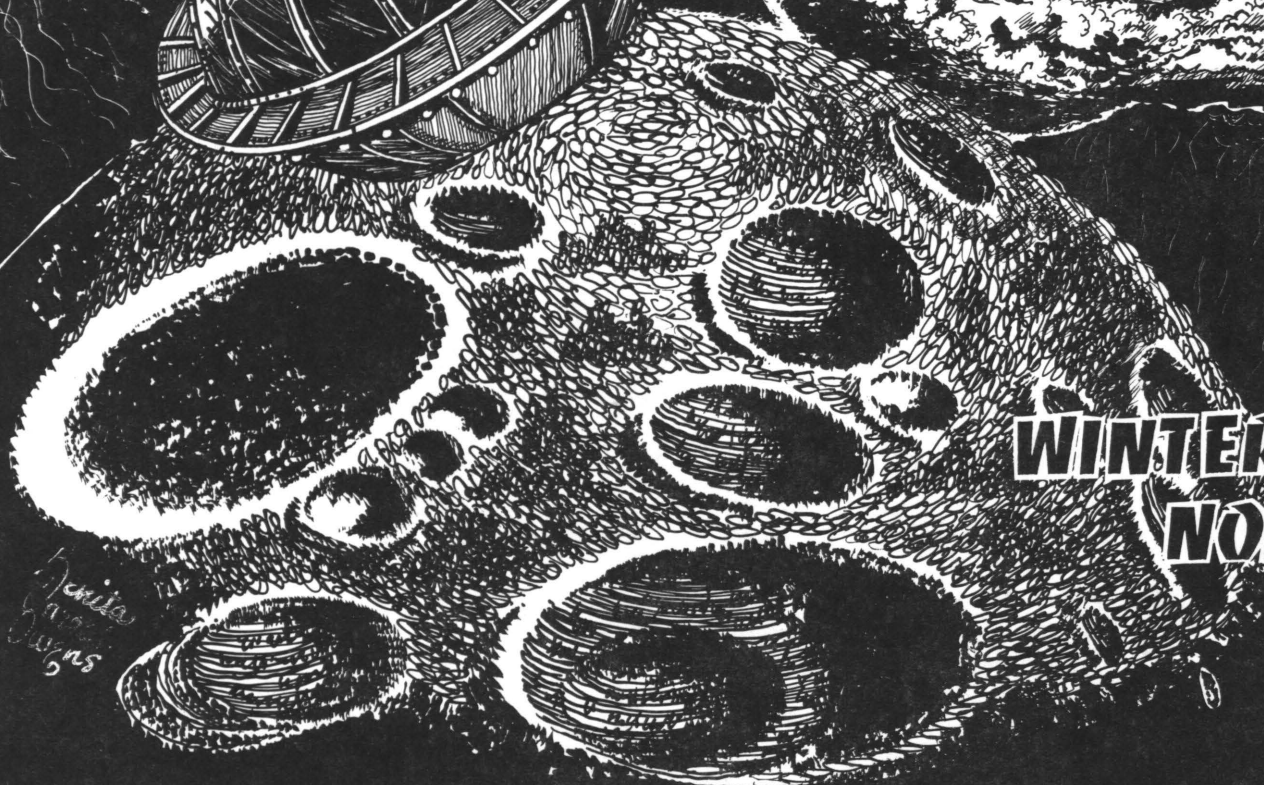
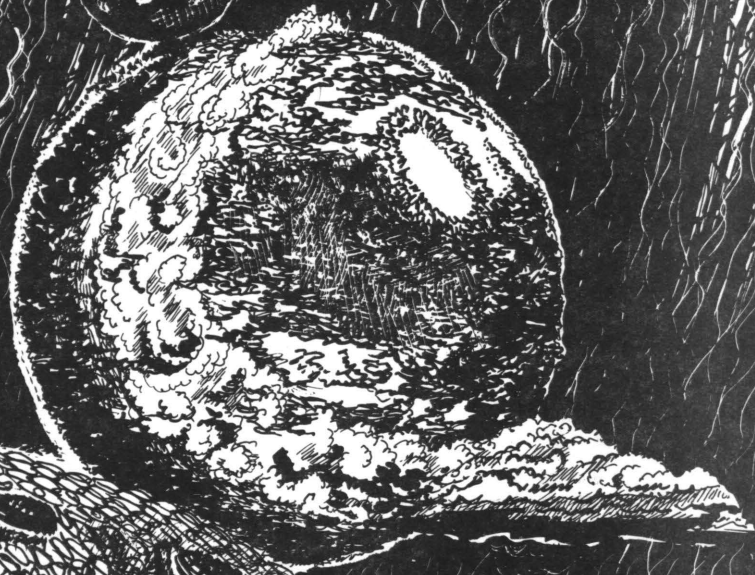


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FROM THE EDITOR



The long awaited convention is now history, and what a convention it was! It started with a banquet on Friday night and ended Saturday night, with the very interesting Antonio Huneus lecture. All in all this 28th National UFO Conference went very smoothly with hardly a hitch. See photos elsewhere this issue.

The UAPA announces the publication of two new booklets: The Saucer Saga by Rick Hilberg, and UAPA'S Bigfoot Journal by Allan Manak (see ad elsewhere this issue). These two new booklets in conjunction with the booklet They Called Them Discs; that was released at the 28th National National UFO Conference, are the first new releases by the UAPA in four years. They Called Them Discs relates the story of ufology from the very beginning to 1953. The Saucer Saga picks up from 1953 through 1960. UAPA's Bigfoot Journal is an up to date version of the bigfoot enigma. These three booklets have been a vision of Hilberg and Manak for at least a decade, and all are well illustrated and very interesting reading. Also in the works is a new catalog due to be out in early March. This "Super UFO Catalog" will sell for \$3.00, refundable with your first purchase. Subscribers are urged to send in a check or money order now, to reserve your copy of this limited edition catalog.

The very beautiful posters that were presented at the 28th National UFO Conference will be in this new catalog, as well as T-shirts and UFO jewelry, something new at UAPA.



READERS SAY

I purchased two posters at the 28th National UFO Conference and I just wanted to say I don't know how you can sell them so cheap. They are really beautiful.

B. Herman
Toledo, OH

AJM- We sell the posters at a reasonable price so most everyone can afford them. And yes, they are very beautiful.

I would like to have as much information as I could on the UFO crash in Washington State that happened in 1970.

T. Sternwise
Billings, MT

AJM- Well Mr. Sternwise, we at UAPA have never heard of a UFO crash in Washington. It seems that over the past two years, we at UAPA are receiving a lot of reports of crashes.

I am 14-years-old and just started reading about flying saucers. Could you tell me , what was the first book about flying saucers?

Tommy Sutter
Phoenix, AZ

AJM- The first book was The Flying Saucers Are Real by Donald Keyhoe. It was in paperback only. I might add that a subscriber, from Stuart, FL who attended the National UFO Conference, bought the last copy we had of The Flying Saucers Are Real.

Dear Sirs: Could you please give me information on the UFO crash at Aztec or Farmington, New Mexico.

B. Martin
Los Angeles, CA

AJM- We at UAPA have received a booklet published by a Chuck and Vicky Oldham, titled The Report On The Crash At Farmington. You may want to write to them at 18 Hemlock Road, Landsdowne, PA 19050 for details.



UFO BITS AND PIECES

Puerto Rican police complained that UFO buffs, extraterrestrial hunters and the curious are bringing litter and crime to a lagoon near Lajas where UFOs supposedly fly by. The gathering of large groups around the Cartagena Lagoon to look for UFOs has produced a rash of vandalism, littering and public drunkenness. For some time, residents of Lajas and Cabo Rojo near the lagoon have reported seeing flying saucers and extraterrestrials during the night.

(Evening Tribune, San Diego, Ca. Sept. 19, 1991)

Abductee Betty Hill is calling it quits from ufology. Betty Hill, 72 years old, said that there are too many flakes in ufology today. Betty and Barney Hill were a famous couple kidnaped on Sept. 19, 1961 by UFO pilots. The story was never fully believed by some in ufology. But ufology will miss her just the same.

Sidney Sheldon admits the UFO angle in his new book The Doomsday Conspiracy, is a departure from his standard best-selling fare of adventure and romance.

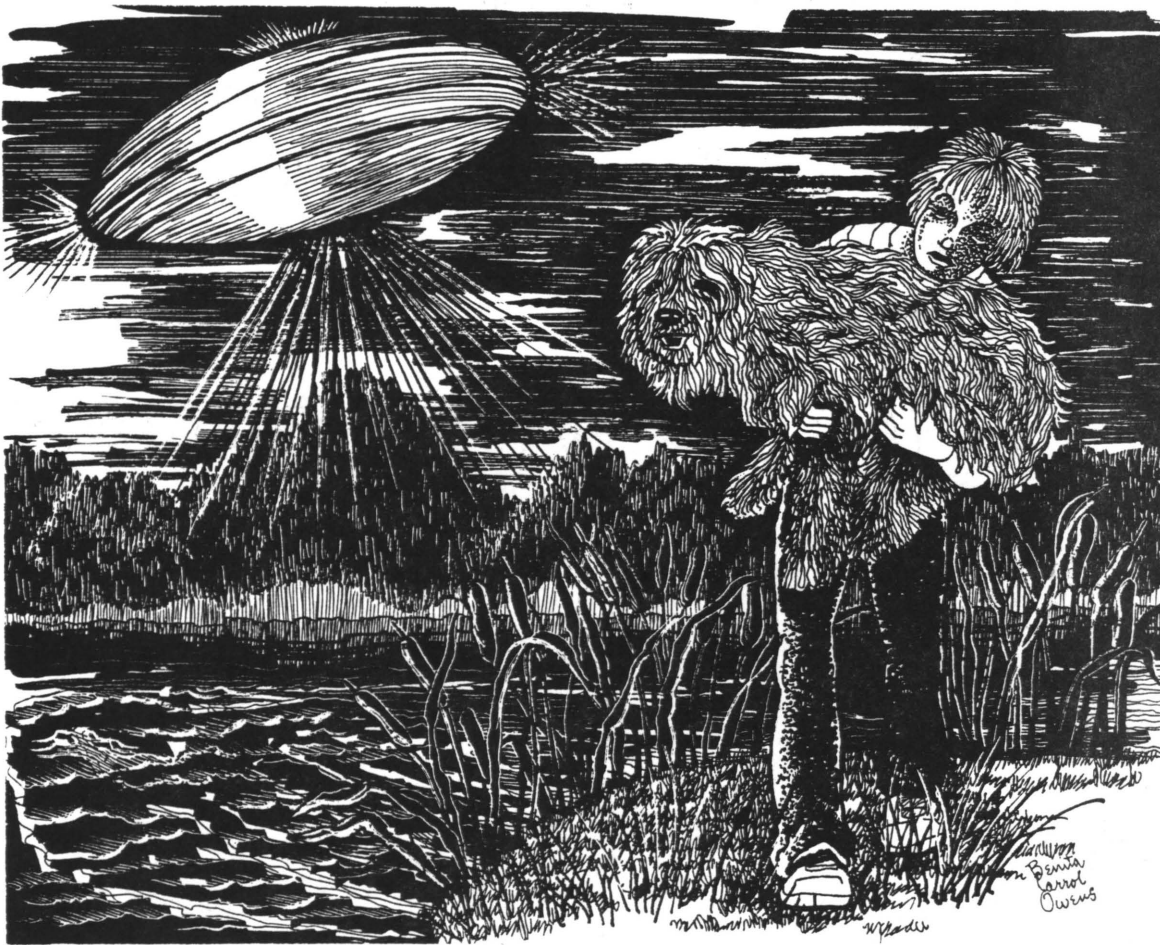
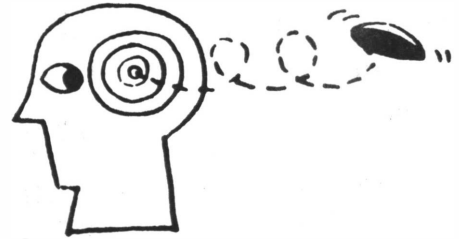
"I just decided to do something about UFOs," says the playwright/screenwriter/television producer and novelist.

"It's a fascinating subject and I think it concerns everyone."

In an addendum to the novel, Sheldon submits snips and snatches of evidence culled from his research supporting the premise that there are aliens, and perhaps they are among us. But he says, as yet he is not entirely convinced that UFOs exist.

On the other hand, he says "My feeling is that there is something going on out there."

UFO RETROSPECTIVE



On March 20, 1966 the Manor family, who lived near Ann Arbor, Michigan, were sitting at the supper table when their dogs began howling. Frank Mannor went outside to quiet the dogs when what he first thought to be a shooting star until it stopped over some trees over a swamp; then it came down with a red glow showing where it landed. The rest of the family joined Frank. Ronnie, his son, and Frank started toward where the object came down. At eye-level, 500

yards in front of them, a football shaped object about eight feet above the swamp was seen. In the center of the object there was a light that shone from red to white, then to red again. Each end of the object also had weird lights. The object looked metallic and was quilted like a hand grenade.

Then Ronnie shouted "look at that horrible thing!" The object suddenly turned bloody red, then all the lights went out. As Frank and his son ran to where the object was last seen, it disappeared without any sound or trace.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SAUCER'S CUP

by Robert S. Easley

After attending the recent National UFO Conference I decided it was about time I dusted off the old brain cells and write an article for Flying Saucer Digest. As many readers will recall, I was the Editor of FSD for many years before "dropping out" of the UFO field in late 1989. I guess I am still more "out" than "in".

Attending the conference did bring back many memories and gave me the chance to renew old friendships. It was indeed good to see such people as Curt Sutherly, Antonio, Huneus, Rick Dell'Aquila, Floyd Murray, Klark Kent and James Moseley again.

Considering how old the UFO mystery is. I thought the public sessions were well attended. Obviously there are still people in the heartland of America who are open-minded about UFOs and their implications. I myself am open-minded but I lean more towards the non-believer end of the spectrum. I suppose that is my right after 29 years of UFO research.

In his opening remarks James W. Moseley said "we have evidence but no proof." Rick Dell'Aquila echoed that sentiment when he said "in the end nothing is absolutely proved." And Klark Kent supported it by saying "We can prove there are reports, and they are still unidentified."

Dell'Aquila stated that "there is no known UFO case that can stand on it's own." Moseley, however, admitted that "Roswell has more chance of being real than any other crash story."

Attorney Dell'Aquila probably summed it up best when he referred to the accumulation of UFO reports. It is the accumulation and all the bits and pieces taken together that add up to a mystery. A very big mystery indeed.

Do UFOs exist? Yes! There will always be unidentified flying objects. The real question to ask is what are UFOs?, (Cont. page 8)

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Miss Benita (Bunny)
Owens, staff artist
at her table at the
National UFO Conference
last September.



UAPA staff at the UFO
convention. Top left,
Benita Owens. Top
right, Rick Hilberg.
Bottom left, Al Manak.
Middle, Carol Hilberg.

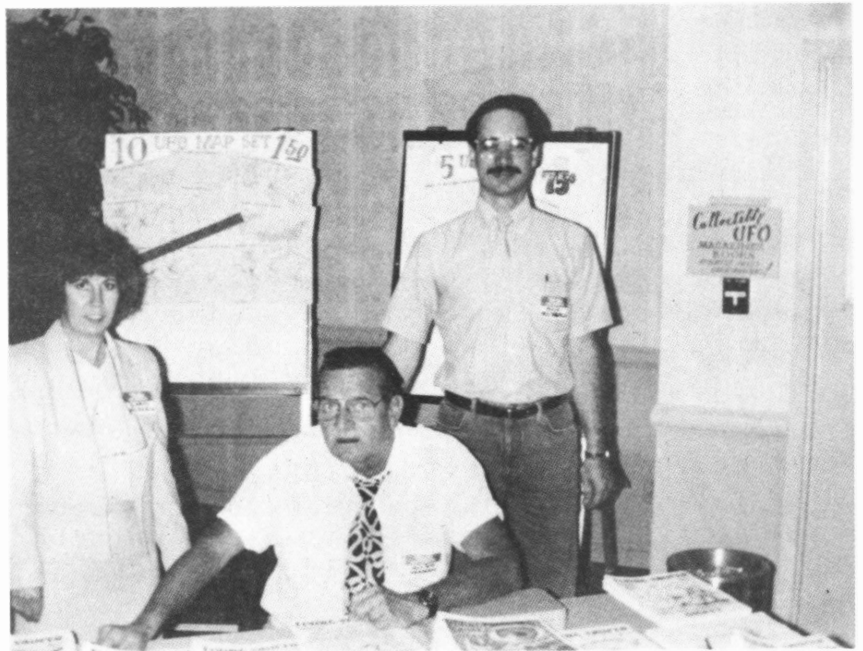
Al Manak and Robert
Easley work the UAPA
convention tables.





Welcoming sign for
Septembers UFO
convention.

Carol Hilberg, top left
and Al Manak, seated;
visit with researcher
Rick Dell' Aquilla.



Convention keynote
speaker Antonio Huneus

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and I don't think we'll ever find the answer. Two hundred years from now we'll still be debating the reality of UFOs.

"Perhaps we should go back to studying butterflies. At least we all know that butterflies exist!"

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

DOCTOR SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY FOR AUTHORIZING UFO BOOK

Here's a really frightening story that has implications for anyone in the UFO field who has some sort of highly visible profession, and is quite reminiscent of what went on during the McCarthy years. It appeared on The Associated Press wire on August 19th:

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts has turned a temporary suspension into an indefinite one for Stephan Corder, a former family physician who has refused to submit to mental evaluation following publication of his 1989 book on unidentified flying objects.

His license was suspended in March 1989 and board members ordered him to submit to a mental examination because they thought his beliefs about UFOs could affect his ability as a doctor.

The board made the suspension indefinite Saturday because of Corder's refusal to get a mental exam. The former Ottawa, Kan., physician has lost every battle in his effort to win back his license.

In May, a retired judge denied Corder's administrative appeal by ruling in favor of the board on all issues in the dispute.

Corder has filed a lawsuit against the board in Shawnee County District Court.

MORE ON THE BENTWATERS INCIDENT

In case you missed the excellent update on the Bentwaters case on "Unsolved Mysteries" this past September, here's an excellent update by staffer Don Lehman of the Glenn Falls, New York Post-Star from its August 25th edition:

It was a day ;that Queensbury native Larry Warren can't help but remember vividly.

He had only been at Bentwaters Air Force Base for 18 days. Having just graduated from Queensbury High School in June of 1980. Warren was a somewhat green security officer for the U.S. Air Force, stationed on the eastern tip of Great Britain.

He remembers that everything was just as it should be. His first night in duty - December 28, 1980 to be exact - he was taken to his post, at the far end of a runway. With the Cold War at its coldest and tensions high in Poland due to Solidarity, all personnel were on alert.

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That's when Warren says it happened. And he admits he hasn't been the same since.

He says he noticed signs something was up just hours into his daily shift, which ran from midnight to 8 a.m. The first thing he saw was a herd of deer, running in panic across a runway.

Then, he says, he could see strange lights darting in the sky miles away, over Bentwaters' sister base, Woodbridge.

"I just got this very strange feeling. Something was wrong," he says.

Within minutes he would find out what.

His flight commander radioed him, and told him he was now off duty. Minutes later a truck came and picked him up. He wasn't told what was going on, or where he was being taken.

Passing through traffic lined up all around the base, the truck sped towards the spot where he - and apparently others - had seen the lights.

Other officers in the truck joked about where they could be going.

"That was the last time we'd laugh that night," Warren recalls.

In a field in the distance the soldiers could see bright lights. They departed the vehicle, and dodging fellow airmen, were escorted out towards the light.

What they saw when they got there, Warren says, boggles the mind.

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bright red light. It hovered over the mist, Warren says. A brilliant explosion came from the now-hovering light. Down descended what Warren describes as an "arrow-shaped machine."

While the craft approached, the officers noticed their motions seemed to be half-speed.

"I felt no heat, no sensations, no nothing, except 'I'm in a dream world,'" he remembers. "It was all very dream-like and surreal."

Three beings emerged from the machine, which was now on the ground. They stood face to face with the base commander, who had just arrived at the field.

"I couldn't really see any hands or feet," Warren says. "My mind was saying, Oh, there are three kids here."

After an almost an hour of the beings standing face to face with the base commanders, he and a fellow officer left the scene, Warren says.

Larry Warren doesn't expect people to simply believe him when he tells of his experience. That's why he is going to so much effort to prove it all.

If you bumped into Warren on, say, Glen Street, you may get that strange feeling that you've seen him before. Maybe you have. He's been on CNN and numerous other TV programs, telling of his extra-terrestrial experience.

Now living in South Glen Falls, Warren has spent roughly the last 10 years of his life trying to prove this incident in Britain happened, and that the governments involved are conducting a coverup. Part of these efforts include the co-authoring of a book, which, when finished

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in 1992, will almost irrefutably prove that the Bentwaters incident - along with other similar ones - occurred.

On Saturday Warren, along with his co-author Peter Robbins, spent the afternoon at the Community Room of Glens Falls National Bank, giving a mock presentation of their findings before several friends.

Gradually the Bentwaters/Woodbridge incident has been getting more publicity, partly due to Warren and Robbins, and partly because several hundred other airmen at the base witnessed the same event, Warren says, and are now beginning to come forward.

All along, Warren fought what he calls a cover-up. From the very day after he had his extra-terrestrial experience, he alleges the U.S. military and government has tried to hush him up.

The morning after the Bentwaters/Woodbridge incident, Warren said he expected to turn on the television and see newscasts of the event. Instead, nothing.

He tried to discuss what happened with other officers at breakfast the next morning. He says his flight commander promptly told him to keep quiet.

He then went directly to a pay phone, and tried to call his mother in Queensbury, to tell her what happened. The phone line mysteriously went dead, Warren says. A call to the operator revealed someone on the base had terminated the connection.

Later that day came a debriefing, he recalls. In no uncertain terms, the officers were informed they were to keep quiet. They saw nothing, they were told.

For the next six months, Warren tried to find ways to confirm the event. Talks with local residents revealed that UFO sightings were commonplace.

Finally, in May of 1981 - six months after the supposed sighting occurred - Warren decided he'd had enough. He was honorably discharged with several citations.

After his discharge, Warren says his efforts at proving the governmental cover-up intensified. He and Robbins have tried nearly every avenue to get acknowledgement of the December 1980 incident, and others like it.

Deputy Base Commander Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt issued a release years later confirming that a UFO had been reported by several off-duty security officers. No mention was made of the three beings in a stand-off with the base commander.

"This is a whitewashing job that had to be done," Warren explains.

For the book to be titled "Left at East Gate," for the name of a road near the incident, the pair have compiled sworn statements from fellow servicemen present that evening. Requests for documents through the Freedom of Information Act have not been fruitful.

More compelling evidence, Warren says, comes from the medical records of the officers present at the sighting. The bright light caused eye problems for most everyone there, including himself, and most went through eye exams for retinal damage.

According to Robbins, the incident will be the subject of a special showing of the popular "Unsolved Mysteries," scheduled for television September 25.

Newspapers in England have done numerous pieces on the incident, citing residents as well as soldiers near the base. Reports of meteor showers the night of December 28, 1980 also graced newspaper pages.

"I'm not out to overthrow the U.S. Government," Warren states. "I do think we all have a right to know, though."

MYSTERY CIRCLE IN SHELBY, NEW YORK

Bruce Andriatch of the Rochester Democrat And Chronicle filed the following in the paper's July 30th edition:

The curious and the confused, the skeptical and the suspicious have descended in this otherwise unassuming Orleans County town.

What they have come to witness and photograph is a circle in an otherwise unassuming wheat field.

They stand around the area that Lee Roberts has marked off with posts and red cord. So many people have come - Roberts estimates in "the low thousands" - that the formation has achieved special notoriety. It is simply called The Circle.

Roberts, who owns the 130 acres around The Circle, seems unaffected by the people traipsing across his land to stare at the ground.

"If people are curious and want to see it, I think that's great," he said.

It's been more than three weeks since Roberts' son, Todd, came across The Circle as he was cutting wheat. Wheat along the 20-foot diameter of The Circle was matted down, creating a weave pattern. There were no footprints or tire tracks around the site.

Todd Roberts had seen reports on the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" of thousands of similar circles in Europe and wondered if this circle was comparable.

About two weeks later, Lee Roberts called the Medina newspaper, The Journal-Register, and offered the story. Word has since spread quickly.

There is no explanation for what causes the circle phenomenon. Some have surmised that it may be caused by a spacecraft landing and then taking off. Less exotic explanations include rare weather occurrences like wind vortexes or tornadoes.

Roberts hasn't thought about what caused The Circle. "I don't like to dwell on things I have no control over," he said.

But Ken Boring of Medina, who belongs to the group Ultimate Frontiers Organization, which studies UFO sightings and strange phenomena, said, "As far as a hoax, for someone to do something this elaborate would be impossible."

Those who traveled here yesterday jotted down notes, snapped pictures, aimed camcorders and mumbled to other phenomenon seekers about what might have caused this shape to form.

Lorraine Fortune and Virginia Furmanski traveled from nearby Albion. They said they had seen the television show about the unexplained circles and were eager to see one so close to home.

"I'm the type that would like to believe that there are UFOs," Furmanski said.

Prudence Kurtz of Buffalo didn't know what to think about The Circle, so she asked Boring.

"What do you make of it?"

"I don't know," he said. "It's weird."

WEIRDLOGY

CALIFORNIA "RINGING ROCK"

Charles Hillinger of the Los Angeles Times filed this report on May 26th:

When Catherine Saubel, a 70-year-old Cahuilla Indian, stood

before the 2- by 3-foot granite rock, she was emotionally overwhelmed.

"I was awe-struck just being in its presence. I visualized what it must have been like when prehistoric medicine men played ancient songs on the rock before large gatherings of people. This rock is very sacred to Indians," Saubel said.

Curator of the Malki Museum on the Morongo Reservation near Banning, CA, for the last 26 years, Saubel has known about so-called "ringing rocks" all her life. But this was the first time she had ever seen one - or heard one.

When struck gently with a small rock, the granite boulder chimes like a bell. When struck in several places or with various-sized small rocks, different tones are heard.

During prehistoric times, scholars believe, ringing rocks were the central focus of elaborate cultural ceremonies. Today, officials in Riverside County, CA, where the rock is located, hope to use it as the centerpiece of a park or American Indian cultural center.

"This sacred rock is a cultural treasure. It must be preserved not just for Indians but for everyone," Saubel said. "It has to be protected with a fence or whatever it takes to prevent it from being damaged or destroyed by vandals."

The rock is in Riverside County's rapidly developing Menifee Valley, about 75 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its exact location has not been publicized, for fear of theft or vandalism.

Ken Hedges, 47, chief curator at San Diego's Museum of Man, said that he knows of only seven such rocks in existence - all in the Southwest. But he said that there may be similar rocks in other areas.

Diana Seider, 35, an anthropologist and the Riverside County Parks Department historian, described the melodious boulder as "an extremely rare natural phenomenon."

Seider said that archeologists have known of the rock's existence for many years.

Efforts to protect it were launched last year as housing development began edging closer to the site. In November, Riverside County purchased the surrounding 20-acre parcel, Seider said.

"The big problem now is how to protect the rock," said Seider, who also spoke of hopes for a park or cultural center.

"At some point in the future it would be great if a Native American individual or family could live on the site to guard the rock and to interpret it to visitors who came to the park to see and hear the rock's amazing sound when struck," she said.

Hedges mentioned the ringing rock of Menifee Valley in a scientific paper published late last year on the profusion of petroglyphs (rock carvings) and pictographs (rock paintings) in the area.

Hedges said that little has been written about ringing rocks in scientific literature.

MONSTERS IN THE OUTBACK

Loch Ness isn't the only place which claims to have a monster living at the bottom of the lake. Many lakes and swamps in the Australian outback are credited by locals with housing what are called 'Bunyips.'

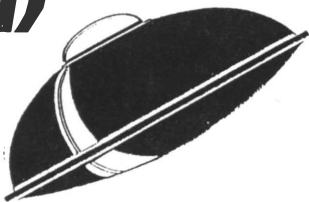
According to those who tell the tales of these monsters - and some who claim to have seen them - their appearance and vary quite a lot, from being the shape of a bullock with the head of an emu, to the body being covered with fur and the head having tusks like a walrus.

However, all were said to be savage killers, living on human flesh, and also having great and frightening cries which curdled the blood. Other mythical creatures in Australia include the Myndie, or Mindie, which is said to have a body extending over 12 kilometers.

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